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1. Eberswalde (V08), 11-12 January 1949

a. The former AMOR plant at Thilmannstrasse 56 in Eberswalde houses a staff headquarters earlier believed to be located in the Prinz Friedrich Karl Barracks on the Bernauer Heerstrasse. Parked vehicles: C 8-87, C 8-89, C 8-90, E 2-30, E 2-49 series.

b. Barracks next to the AMOR plant were repaired during autumn 1948 and occupied during December by approximately 1,000 armored troops. Cars seen entering this compound were in the G 8-87 series.

c. The Eberswalde administrative staff is located in the Freienwalder Chaussee artillery barracks.

d. According to a municipal employee, Eberswalde troop strength amounts to 18,000-20,000 men.

2. Bad Freienwalde (V28), 11-12 January

Armored troops in the Kradschützenkaserne have been reinforced and unit strength is now estimated at 3,000 men. Approximately 250 vehicles of various types were observed in the compound, all of them licensed in the G 8-85 series. A fuel dump is being installed. Bunkers for ammunition are located behind the barracks. T-54/83 and JS tanks (JS number not reported) are frequently seen leaving the compound for the training area.

5. Rathenow (Z15), 14-18 January

a. IV Artillery Corps staff headquarters is located in the Ziethenkaserne on Bahnhofstrasse. A large amount of building material was seen in the yard; according to a Soviet officer, this is to be used for the construction of sheds which will house 500 policemen. It is alleged that the police will be transferred from the Brandenburg-Görden prison, which will revert to use as a penal institution. Headquarters vehicles: C 4-68 series.

Comment: We cannot offer explanation of the statement on Görden prison. Past reports indicate it has been used by the MVD. Apparently it has seen some recent use by new paramilitary police. (Whether source means it is being turned back for purely German use or not remains to be seen.)

b. Sixty-three 152 mm guns were observed at the former transport barracks

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in Rathenow-Nord, Semliner Gasse. Two new barracks are being built. Vehicles: E 5-42 series. Troops in the engineer barracks adjoining the transport barracks use APC 03718.

c. The former infantry barracks are occupied by artillerymen. No guns were seen. Vehicles: B 5-81 series.

d. Source, a local resident, notes that most Rathenow troops appear to be young recruits: SM aged 18-20, NCOs aged 20-24, officers up to major aged 25-28. Few of the officers wear decorations and their behavior suggests that they have not been in Germany before.

4. Brandenburg (223)

a. On 20 December 1948, there were 150-170 aircraft, chiefly YAK-3, at the Neuendorf airfield. Twenty P-2 were observed parked in front of hangars. Control tower, barracks and workshops are in good condition. The field has a concrete runway, border illumination, searchlights, and a railroad siding to the field fuel dump. Approximately 28 tank cars on the field bore licenses in the E 5-56 and P 7-85 series. Two trucks were in the B 7-84 series.

b. On 20 January 1949, another source counted 28 fighters at Neuendorf. Vehicles: B 7-86, E 5-30, E 5-41, and P 3-03 series.

c. Between 15 and 20 January, the following parked vehicles were observed in Brandenburg:

Flakkaserne, Magdeburgerstrasse	- Jeeps B 6-85-17 and 18
Artillery barracks, Magdeburgerstrasse	- Trucks B 5-82-25 and 27
Infantry barracks	- Trucks P 8-43-52, P 8-85-18
Kommandatura	- Trucks B 37-77, B 36-21, B 40-31, B 40-33
Landesanstalt	- Trucks P 4-29-38, B 40-10

5. Luckenwalde/Jüterbog (270/E39), 8-9 January

According to a Reichsbahn employee:

a. Estimated troop strength at Luckenwalde, 30,000; at Jüterbog, 20,000.

b. It is rumored that tests are being made with rocket artillery.

c. Aircraft strength has increased at Altes Lager airfield.

d. Vehicles observed in the area: ~~PA~~ 70-79 (passenger car)

PA 2-71-49 (passenger car)

P 4-49-31

C 8-80-63

E 15-78

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b. Recent rocket projector exercises have been reported from Tüppchin and Wünsdorf.

c. Another source reported, 8-20 January, on increased strength at Altes Lager airfield. See () .

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d. Usage of FL and L equivalents on license plates appears to be new. In an undissemated report of recent date, another source claims to have observed similar letters on plates in the Magdeburg area.)

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